(b) whether the Government have accorded sanction for such a project,

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, whether such projects are proposed to be considered for various States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) The Indian Medical Association has taken up a project of training doctors for management diagnosis and prevention of AIDS First training course was held on 19 2 1992 A symposium was held at the 9th National College of General practitioners A format for training of doctors is being evolved by calling the experts from WHO ICMR Medical Colleges, Blood Banks and other related specialists

(b) Government has not received any proposal from Indian Medical Association in this regard

(c) Does not arise

(d) The Government is prepared to encourage such activities conducted by Indian Medical Association or any other Agency in any part of the country

National Policy on Education

5438 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the type of orientation and refresher courses for teachers being provided under the new national policy on education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) In pursuance of the National Policy on Education 1986, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Restructuring and Reorganisation of Teacher Education was taken up in 1987-88 which primarily provides for setting up of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETS) and upgradation of selected Secondary Teacher Education Institutions into Colleges of Teacher Education/ Institutions of Advanced Study in Education (CTEs/IASEs) DIETs/CTEs/IASEs are expected to provide quality pre-service and in-service training to school teachers and Adult Education/Non-formal Education personnel and general academic support to school and Adult Education/Non-formal Education Systems in their districts These institutions provide the following types of orientation and refresher courses to school teachers

(i) Content-cum pedagogy courses for primary upper primary and Secondary Teachers

(ii) Theme specific programmes like Educational Technology Micro planning education of disabled children minimum levels of learning continuous and comprehensive evaluation etc

(iii) Subject specific courses like teaching of languages, sciences Mathematics and Social Sciences etc

The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) and State Councils of Education Research and Training (SCERTs) are also conducting above types of orientation programmes Under the Programme of Mass Orientation of School Teachers, teachers were oriented in major thrust areas of the National Policy of Education and also in the use of Operation Blackboard materials

Mental Health Act, 1987

5439 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Mental Health Act, 1987 has been notified; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay in notifying the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Indo-China Co-Operation in Education

4540 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether India and China have signed a protocol in the sphere of education

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Government have agreed to give special concession to Chinese students on reciprocal basis and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The salient features of the Protocol on Cooperation in the filed of Education signed on 27th February 1992 are as follows

(i) Exchange of experience in the fields of Education including Education Policy, Education Planning & Administration, Basic Education, Adult Literacy and Continuing Education, Vocational Education, High Eduction and Special Education

(ii) Institution to Institution linkages in the field of Social Sciences, Chinese and Hindi Language and Literature, Buddhist Studies and Technical Education

(iii) Increase in the number of scholarships from 17 at present to 25 by 1993

(IV) Exchange of textbooks and audio-visual material

(v) Mutual recogniation of degrees, diplomas and certificates

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise

Procurement Price of Rice and Paddy in andaman and Nicobar Islands

5441 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) the procurement price of rice and paddy during 1990-91 in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and

(b) whether the same price has got corresponding increase in accordance with the fixation of procurement price in the mainland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) The procurement prices of padddy are uniform for the whole country The minimum support prices of paddy were fixed at Rs 205 00 per quintal for common Rs 215 00 per quintal for fine and Rs 225 00 per quintal for superfine varieties Since, there was no levy on rice in Andaman and Nicobar Union Territory, no procurement prices of levy-rice were fixed for these areas